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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1742

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: Nobuyuki Kageyama Confirmation No.: 4406  
: Koji Iwata  
: Tetsuo Shimizu  
: Chikara Kami  
Title : HOT-ROLLED STEEL STRIP FOR HIGH  
: STRENGTH ELECTRIC RESISTANCE  
: WELDING PIPE AND MANUFACTURING  
: METHOD THEREOF Dated: November 17, 2006

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

— Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.

— A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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In response to the Official Action dated August 31, 2006, Applicants amend the Application  
as follows: